



Cradle of Forestry botany lab...

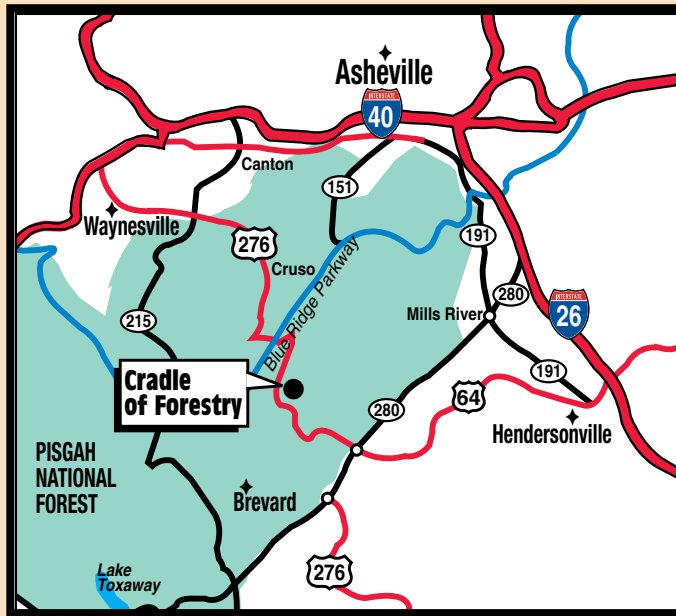
Students from early Biltmore Forest School identify plants in the botany lab, a requirement for forestry students.

Special Events

Each year the Cradle of Forestry offers numerous special events that are designed to educate and entertain visitors.

- **The Songcatchers Music Series:** Musicians and singers fill the mountain air with songs and stories on Sundays in July.
- **Smokey Bear's Birthday Party:** Kids and kids at heart enjoy this celebration in August.
- **Forest Festival Day:** The Cradle of Forestry comes alive on the first Saturday in October, which includes a variety of demonstrators, craftspeople and activities.
- **Woodman's Meet:** This special event is held on the same day as Forest Festival Day. This spirited competition features cross-cut sawing, pole climbing and ax throwing—a delight for audiences each year.
- **The Legend of Tommy Hodges:** This evening event is presented when the leaves turn brilliant colors and Halloween approaches. Visitors can participate in a walking theater, where the Cradle story is told.
- **Adventure Zone:** This new opportunity is designed to reach children with autism and engage young families. The activity is indoors and outside.
- **Woodsy Owl's Curiosity Club:** This nature based activity for ages four to seven is held on Thursday mornings in the summer. Each program explores a forest topic through investigation and creativity.

For a list of programs and events, exact dates and prices, check www.cradleofforestry.com or call (828) 877-3130.



Directions

FROM ASHEVILLE: Take I-26 east to Exit 40, Asheville Airport. Turn right onto NC 280 west and head to Brevard. Turn right onto U.S. 276. The Forest Discovery Center is 11 miles on the right.

FROM WAYNESVILLE: Take U.S. 276 south. Cross Blue Ridge Parkway and continue on U.S. 276 for four miles to Forest Discovery Center on the left.

For more information

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Discover the birthplace of forestry and wonders of the forest. Travel trails, visit the Forest Discovery Center and play hands-on nature games.



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Students from the 1906 Biltmore Forest School pose in front of the school building.

A window to the past

On the wings of a national conservation movement, forestry in America was born and nurtured at the site of the Cradle of Forestry in America. As the first private landowner to hire a trained forester, George W. Vanderbilt of Biltmore Estate fame launched the idea of forestry in 1891. Vanderbilt's 125,000 acres, including the place now known as the Cradle of Forestry, became the proving ground for the scientific approach to forest management. The land became the outdoor classroom

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for the first forestry school in America. Indoor and outdoor exhibits convey the site's history and importance of forestry and conservation. A 30-minute film, "There's Magic at the Cradle," artfully expresses the value of resource stewardship.

A door to discovery

Nestled below the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Pisgah National Forest is the birthplace of forestry in America—the Cradle of Forestry.

The Cradle abounds with ways to have fun while learning about the forest, traditional Blue Ridge culture and forest management.

Paved trails—perfect for strollers and wheelchairs—put the forest at your fingertips.

Schedule & Admission Fees

Schedule

early April to early Nov.
Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

General Admission

Adults.....\$5
Youth (4-15)..... Free

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Group Fees

For group prices and
program reservations,
call 828-877-3130.



Forestry students make chips fly at the Woodsmen's Meet in October.



This German-style lodge was built in 1904. Rangers lived in the King home, built in 1882.



A key to understanding



Musicians play for the Song-catchers Music Series.



A crafter shows how people cooked in the early 1900s.

The Cradle of Forestry offers hands-on learning experiences in a forest environment.

Explore the Forest Discovery Center, join guided activities or go outside and walk the Biltmore Campus, Forest Festival or Discovery trails.